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SUBJ: CALL ON ACTING ASSISTANCE SECRETARY - MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS

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1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION OCTOBER 26 WITH ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RATKO MOCIVNIK (OTHER TOPICS SEPTEL) AMBASSADOR
NOTED THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY JAKSA PETRIC
HAD DEPARTED PREVIOUS DAY FOR ALGERIA. MOCIVNIK RESPONDED
THAT PETRIC CARRIED MESSAGE FROM TITO TO BOUMEDIENE AND WOULD
CONSULT THERE ON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IN FRAMEWORK OF NONALIGNED
CONCERN OVER "ISRAELI AGGRESSION".

2. OBSERVING THAT CURRENT CRISIS HAD ITS ORIGINS IN ARAB NOT
ISRAELI AGGRESSION, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IN ALL FRANKNESS US DOD
NOT FEEL YUGOSLAV ROLE AND BEHAVIOR OF CERTAIN OTHER NONALIGNED
COUNTRIES HAD BEEN HELPFULL. HIGHLY PARTISAN STAND ON COMPLEX
AND SENSITIVE ISSUES INVOLVED, COUPLED WITH INFLAMMATORY COMMENTARY
IN PRESS AS WELL AS EMOTIONAL STATEMENTS BY YUGOSLAV

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SPOLEMEN, WERE NOT LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORT TO BRING

ABOUT JUST AND LASTING PEACE. EXAMPLE OF THIS SCARCELY CONSTRUCTIVE RHETORIC WAS MOJSOV SPEECH TO SECURITY COUNCIL PREVIOUS DAY WHERE HE PINNED ALL BLAME FOR CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS ON ISRAELIS, WHICH DID NOT ACCORD WITH OUR INFORMATION.

3. MOCIVNIK DISAGREED WITH CHARACTERIZATION OF MOSCOW'S REMARKS IN SC, SAYING IT CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED HAD IN GENERAL BEEN OBJECTIVE AND HELPFUL. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED WITH HOPE THIS WOULD BE CASE FROM NOW ON, AND SAID THAT MEANWHILE ALL SHOULD BE PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACEKEEPING FORCE

EXCLUDING PARTICIPATION OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS.

4. THIS CONNECTION AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT USG HAD OFFERED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO UN EMERGENCY FORCE, AND IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE REQUEST MIGHT BE PUT TO YUGOSLAVS AS WELL AS OTHER FOR SUPPORT IN TERMS OF OVERFLIGHTS OR LANDING APPROVAL THIS CONNECTION FOR USAF AIRCRAFT OPERATING FOR AND UNDER AUSPICES UN (STATE 211310).

MOCIVNIK SAID HE WAS SURE GOY WOULD COOPERATE FULLY SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE OVERFLIGH OR LANDING PRIVILEGES.

5. AT RECEPTION OCTOBER 26 AMBASSADOR HAD OCCASION REITERATE TO PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC US HOPE THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL TONE DOWN ITS RHETORIC AND CONTRIBUTE TO CLAMING RATHER THAN INFLAMING MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. WHILD PINNING BLAME FOR CRISIS AND CURRENT CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS EXCLUSIVELY ON ISRAEL AND ENYING YUGOSLAV STATEMENTS INFLAMATORY, BIJEDIC DID ADMIT THAT SITUATION HAD IMPROVED AS RESULT LATEST SC RESOLUTION AND WHILE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY RESTED WITH "SUPER POWERS" ALL OTHER SHOULD NOW WORK TOWARD PERMANENT , EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT IN AREA.

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